

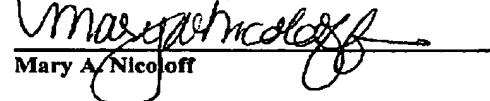
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Daniel Edward Bowen III, et al )  
For: A PROCESS FOR PREPARING A )  
SILICA/RUBBER BLEND WHICH INCLUDES )  
DISPERSING SILICA, A SILICA COUPLING )  
AGENT, AND A LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT )  
END-GROUP FUNCTIONALIZED DIENE )  
RUBBER THROUGHOUT A CEMENT OF A )  
CONVENTIONAL RUBBERY POLYMER, AND )  
SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERING THE )  
SILICA/RUBBER BLEND FROM AN ORGANIC )  
SOLVENT )  
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## AMENDMENT FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH RCE

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Rejection mailed on November 8, 2005. The Examiner is respectfully requested to disregard unentered Amendment After Final filed on December 14, 2005 and is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as follows: